

AID/A/PM - Mr. Frank Bean

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Bernard E. Niewoehner

This is to advise that Mr. Niewoehner has made application for inclusion in the International Development Internship (IDI) Program. He is now a student in Class XXI at the Viet-Nam Training Center (VTC) and is scheduled to graduate on or about July 27, 1970. He desires to receive IDI training prior to entering on duty in Viet-Nam. Whether or not the delay in his field assignment should be approved is of course a matter for the Vietnam Bureau and CORDS/Saigon to decide.

My position at VTC is that, since this officer will have received extensive language training, appropriate arrangements should be made for him to continue to receive language exposure during the period of his IDI training if he is in fact accepted in that program. Otherwise a considerable investment would be partially wasted and the best interests of CORDS/Viet-Nam would be affected adversely.

With respect to Mr. Niewoehner's candidacy for the IDI Program, we have been able to observe him only in a training situation. He was formerly in the Peace Corps in Panama and is clearly a sincere and serious officer who greatly desires IDI training and one whom you would wish to consider among your applicants. If further information is desired as to the timing of Mr. Niewoehner's training and field assignments, please so advise, and we will furnish the necessary details.

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